

DISTRICT ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

“Let the Neighborhoods Decide”

TOPIC: District 3 Council Vacancy **Should be filled by ELECTION, Not Appointment**

This city entered into a Settlement Agreement when a Voting Rights Act lawsuit was filed by Majority-Minority citizens. As a result of this Agreement, a Judgement was entered that states:

City Council members are required to be residents of their respective electoral districts and to be nominated and elected by the residents of their respective electoral districts (“by-district elections”).

The Judgment did not identify steps that must be taken when there is a vacancy. So the current council chose to follow the city charter and fill the vacancy with a 2yr appointment. Our Judgment did not identify what to do when there is a vacancy, but it did state what makes a person eligible to represent the Westside, and civil action may follow an appointment.

Allowing for a council appointment dissolves the voices of the voters of the district. It also anoints an appointed person as an incumbent for future races. An election is the most democratic way to fill this vacancy. The cost for a special election in June is estimated only to be \$30,000. Do not to allow special interests to influence council members in this appointment process.

If you are Voters of the Westside, a Westside Community Leader, a Business Owner of the Westside, or a Majority-Minority Westside Community Advocate; join us and get informed.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

ATTEND: GO TO CITY COUNCIL ON JAN 9TH AT 2PM

Tell council you want the power to vote

SIGN: SIGN A PETITION TO FOR AN ELECTION

If you can not attend the meeting

Get your voice heard in writing

EMAIL: EMAIL YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

And ask for a special election

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On our website you will find a petition, council emails, the Judgment, and
a correspondence from Frank Ochoa to Council